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# Letters

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### Black Family

Dr. James K. Sours, president of Southern Oregon State College, shared with me a recent issue of *New Directions*. I was impressed (mightily) by your layout, content and style.

The extended family concept as developed by Basil Matthews, "The Black Family in America," [January '76 *New Directions*] supported my long-held view that "family" for us stretches far beyond immediate biological ties.

Jo Gardenhire  
Affirmative Action Officer  
Southern Oregon State College  
Ashland, Ore.

### Good Journalism

I read *New Directions* with interest as it keeps me informed about Howard University from where I got my M.S. in general Home Economics in 1957.

In 1965 on my way to the Iowa State University, I had visited the Howard campus and I was much impressed by the developments that I saw there.

I congratulate you for maintaining a high journalistic quality. This magazine to me is a symbol of the emerging Black potentials which had been suppressed for so long. I wish you all the success in continuing the excellent work of improving and strengthening the Howard image throughout the world.

Dr. Arvinda Chandra  
Gujarat, India

### Troubled Soul

I have been enlightened very much with what I have read in the January 1976 *New Directions*.

You see, I am in prison on trumped-up charges and my case has been on appeal for two years now to determine my guilt or innocence. In my adverse condition, it is magazines such as *New Directions* that have strengthened my mind toward positive thinking and I remain strong.

Rahim Shabazz  
Raleigh, N.C.

### First Time

I had the good fortune of reading your magazine for the first time. The articles were refreshing and challenging.

Rev. Joseph B. Weathersby  
Executive Director  
Saginaw Urban Ministry  
Saginaw, Michigan

### Quality Reading

I have found unexpected pleasure in reading *New Directions* from cover to cover. I especially enjoyed Dr. W. Montague Cobb's article, "What is Man?"

I must confess that I am apprehensive that my new-found pleasure may go the way of so many things of genuine quality in the world today. Of course I hope that your magazine will continue providing quality reading and pleasure to me.

Joel Cosby  
Madison, Wisconsin

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